

III. Remarks/Arguments

This Response is being made to the Office Action dated 11/22/2005. A request for a three-month extension of time to respond has been filed concurrently herewith.

Claims 1-6 and 10-12 are cancelled.

Claims 7-9 and 13-16 are pending in this application. In the outstanding Office Action the examiner objects to claim 7-9 and 13-16 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the based claim and any intervening claims. Claim 7-9 and 13-16 have been rewritten accordingly.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that a Notice of Allowance of all pending claims be issued in this case.

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Respectfully submitted,

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